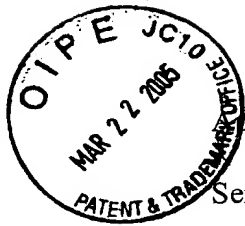


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Sir:

Applicants have carefully considered the non-final Office Action mailed September 22, 2004, in connection with the above-captioned patent application. Applicants kindly request reconsideration of the claims in light of the amendments and remarks that follow.

In this response, the Amendments to the claims begin on page 2, while the remarks begin on page 6.

Applicants submit herewith:

- 1) A Petition for Three Months' Extension of Time, and
- 2) An Amendment Fee Transmittal Sheet.